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BIOLOGICAL ACTIVITY OF LIGANDS

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 7, 2001 NOTIFICATION OF  
MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES  
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)**

Sir:

A response to the December 7, 2001, Notification Of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 In The United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) ("Notification") is due on February 7, 2002. Therefore, this response is being timely filed.

Prior to examination of the subject application on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

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